

City of Bremen Council Meeting

October 16, 2017

Bremen Public Safety Complex
191 Georgia Avenue North
Bremen, Georgia 30110

City Officials in Attendance: Mayor Sewell and Council Members: Dobby Harris, Jai Otwell

City Officials Absent: Council Member Sally Thomason

Administration in Attendance: City Manager Perry Hicks, City Clerk Amy Ridley, Police Chief Keith Pesnell, Fire Chief Jay Hurley, Librarian Lisa Walton-Cagle, Library Clerk Pat Johnson, Codes Officer Steve Muse, Recreation Director Matt Cody, City Attorney Sam Price

6:00 P.M.
Work Session
Mayor & City Council
Informal Discussions Session

The Work Session is an informal discussion among Mayor Sewell, City Council Members, City Manager, Department Heads and the City Attorney. There is no action taken during the work session.

Mayor Sewell called the workshop to order at 6:00 pm and the following items were the topics of discussion.

Department Head Updates

Agenda Items

Hotel/Motel Tax Resolution

HR 158 / Resolution to Restore Trust

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:55 pm.

7:00 P.M.
City Council Meeting
Mayor & Council Members
Regular Scheduled Session

Agenda

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
3. *Invocation*
4. *Review and Modification of the Agenda*
5. *Approval of Minutes: September 18, 2017 Regular Council Meeting*
6. *Budget Amendment*
7. *Fairview Avenue Quit Claim Notice of Authorization*
8. *Spillway Repair Emergency Declaration*
9. *Open to the Public*
10. *Adjourn*

Call to Order

Mayor Sewell called the council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Review & Modification of the Agenda

Mayor Sewell stated that we are adding item number 7a to the agenda for a motion to *Introduce Local Legislature to Increase Hotel/Motel Tax to 8%* and we are adding item number 8a to the agenda for a *Resolution for HR 158*.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Jai Otwell stated that we need to correct wording in the minutes on page two in the third section. The minutes read *South Trust Bank* but it was *SunTrust Bank* that was being mentioned in the meeting.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the correction as stated by Council Member Otwell.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell seconded by Council Member Harris to approve the minutes for the September 18, 2017 regular council meeting with the correction of the SunTrust Bank wording. The motion carried.

Budget Amendment

The budget amendment was to adjust for FEMA and LMIG revenues that we received and there was no line item in the budget to put the funds in so they were entered under miscellaneous revenue.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the Budget Amendment.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris seconded by Council Member Otwell to approve the Budget Amendment. The motion carried.

Fairview Avenue Quit Claim Notice Authorization

Perry Hicks stated that this is a request for the City Attorney to get authorization to send notice for quit claim of city property located at the end of the pavement on Fairview Avenue and this would be subject to the city sewage easement.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to authorize City Attorney Sam Price to proceed and send notice for quit claims for the city to abandon the property located at the end of Fairview Avenue subject to the city sewer easement.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris seconded by Council Member Otwell to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with the notices of quit claim for the city to abandon the property at the end of Fairview Avenue. The motion carried.

Hotel/Motel Tax Increase

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve a resolution for the introduction to local legislation for the City of Bremen to increase Hotel/Motel Tax to 8%.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell seconded by Council Member Harris to approve the resolution for the introduction to local legislation for the City of Bremen to Increase Hotel/Motel Tax to 8%. The motion carried.

Spillway Repair Emergency Declaration

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the Spillway Repair Emergency Declaration in order for the city to be able to repair the spillway in a shorter amount of time.

The motion was made by Council Member Otwell seconded by Council Member Harris to approve the Spillway Repair Emergency Declaration. The motion carried.

HR 158 Resolution

Mayor Sewell stated that HR 158 is a request for the state to use funds in the areas and line items that they were intended for rather than placing them into a general fund to be used in other areas of the budget.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve a resolution in support of HR 158.

Council Member Harris made a motion to approve a resolution in support of HR 158. Council Member Otwell seconded the motion and the resolution was approved.

Open to the Public

Mayor Sewell opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone had anything to come before the mayor and council. There was no business from the floor to come before the mayor and council.

Mayor Sewell thanked the Eagle Scouts for coming to our meeting and stated that she is looking forward to meeting talking with them after the meeting.

Council Member Harris gave the scouts some encouraging words and told them that he was an Eagle Scout.

Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

Council Member Harris made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting adjourned.